

A Criss-Cross of Bridges

Take in a lively stretch of the River Tone, a new wildlife mural, and the Mill Stream running through Goodland Gardens. Visit by day you'll see Little Egrets hunting for fish, and at dusk you might be joined by bats who are out hunting for their supper.

Start: *River path outside Viridor House, Priory Bridge Road, TA1 1AP*

Terrain: *Hard surface throughout.
Walkers need appropriate footwear*

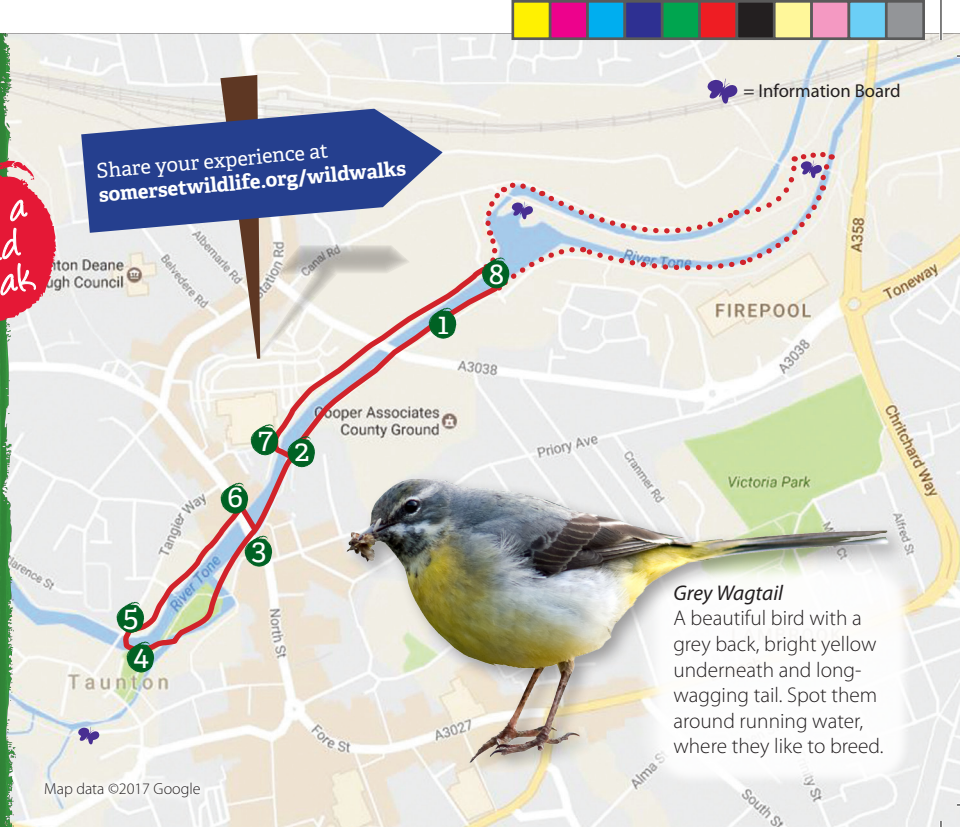
Distance: *Approx 2km*

Approx time: *25-30 mins
(with extra 15 - 20 min loop/1.6km if desired)*



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Grey Wagtail

A beautiful bird with a grey back, bright yellow underneath and long-wagging tail. Spot them around running water, where they like to breed.

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Viridor

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Otter

Look for dark smears of poo with fish bones in them on prominent stones or logs. This is how the Otter marks its territory.



Get Started!

- 1 Start on the path by the river, directly outside Viridor House. Turn left and follow the path under the A3038. Look out for coots (white beaks), moorhens (red beaks) and mallards.
- 2 Approach the Brewhouse on your left, and take a moment to look at the dragon eggs (on the left) and continue walking past a car park on your left towards a bridge.
- 3 Take care crossing the road. Use the pedestrian crossing approx. 40m to your left. Continue ahead to the River Tone Story Trail Information Board and then along the river, crossing a small black metal bridge to your right into the tranquil Goodland Gardens.
- 4 Follow the left-hand path to make a loop of the gardens, then turn left at the path and head towards the metal bridge and turn right to approach the bridge.

Keep Going!

- 5 Make your way up the slope, from where you can see the beautiful river mural underneath the big bridge. Turn right to cross the bridge (Tangier Way). You may see chubb or grayling in the water below. Follow the pavement until you rejoin the footpath to the right.
- 6 Continue left along the path on this side of the river. Cross back over the river at the decorative bridge, and re-cross the road at the pedestrian crossing.

- 7 Follow the path back past the Brewhouse, where you can re-cross on a smaller bridge on your left heading towards Morrisons.
- 8 Continue on the far side of the river and until you reach another small bridge. You can either complete the extra loop (below), or cross the bridge and turn right to walk back up to the starting point.
 - a. Follow the path past the lock, then follow the blue sign to Bridgwater and Creech St Michael, over a red brick footbridge and down to the Children's Wood information board.
 - b. Follow the path alongside the canal, under a big bridge. Take the right hand fork, to walk alongside an orchard to your right.
 - c. Cross the foot-bridge, and turn right to continue on the path next to the river, all the way back to Viridor House. Look out for kingfishers and herons in this stretch of the river.

Feeling Better?

Banded Demoiselle

Seen fluttering slowly over the water, the bright, metallic-blue male is searching for the greeny coloured female.

